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City Council Chambers
Room 201-A
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10:00 o'clock a.m.

1 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: I would like to open this
2 meeting with the reading of a communication from the
3 Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Wilson Frost, addressed
4 to the Sergeant-At-Arms who, as I understand, is not a
5 member of this committee.

6 "Because of the apparent interest of the
7 members and the public in the meeting of the Ad Hoc
8 Committee for the Organization of City Council scheduled
9 for 10:00 a.m. in Room 201-A, and due to the fact that
10 the City Council Chamber has been reserved this morning,
11 kindly advise all concerned parties that the meeting will
12 commence at 1:30 today in the City Council Chamber.

13 The comfort and the availability of
14 adequate seating for the members, media, and general
15 public is of the utmost concern to the members of the
16 City Council."

17 Do I hear a motion?

18 ALDERMAN BURKE: I move that we select a temporary
19 chairman of this meeting.

20 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Mr. Chairman -- Wait a minute,
21 there is no chairman, and there's nobody to make a motion,
22 and this committee meeting hasn't begun.

23 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: This is an ad hoc committee,
24 there's no rules.

1 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Eddie, you don't have any
2 position to sit down and --

3 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: We will not take a vote, I
4 promise you, until Chairman Frost comes here.

5 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: I think that Wilson makes a
6 very good point.

7 ALDERMAN BURKE: I move to select a temporary
8 chairman of this meeting --

9 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Wait a second, Eddie, there's
10 nobody to acknowledge your motion.

11 ALDERMAN VOLINI: I think the point raised by
12 Mr. Frost is correct. We do have interest here.

13 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: The fact is we don't have
14 enough room to meet, and the Public Meetings Law requires
15 us to have adequate access to the public and the media.
16 This meeting room makes a mockery of it. I think that
17 Alderman Frost --

18 ALDERMAN HUELS: Why did we come here in the
19 first place?

20 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: We can all talk one at a time.
21 We are all colleagues, we are all citizens of Chicago.

22 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: I think at the time we
23 selected this meeting date, first of all, the Council
24 Chamber was reserved for the Law Day Celebration. I don't

1 think anybody anticipated this kind of intense interest.
2 The fact is that the chambers will be available after
3 lunch. Whoever has the votes, whatever you want to do,
4 will still be in existence at 1:30. I think we ought
5 to adjourn to the Council Chambers when it's available and
6 let everybody in and be comfortable.

7 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Everybody will be given
8 the opportunity to speak. Okay. Can we all agree upon
9 that?

10 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: We can agree upon that.

11 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: One at a time.

12 ALDERMAN MELL: Can we agree that we will select
13 a temporary chairman?

14 ALDERMAN HUMES: I will be the temporary
15 chairman.

16 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: You have to be elected.

17 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: You have to be elected, and
18 you and I know. Hold it, hold it.

19 ALDERMAN MELL: Pardon me, can we agree to elect
20 a temporary chairman for discussion purposes only?

21 ALDERMAN VOLINI: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
22 speak --

23 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Volini.

24 ALDERMAN VOLINI: Mr. Chairman, we have been

1 planning to have a meeting at 1:00, a City Council Meeting, --
2 2:00. We are all going to be here until that time. There
3 is no reason why we can't adjourn now to resume our meeting
4 at 1:00 o'clock. Whatever business is going to be taken
5 care of by this committee can be taken care of at 1:00
6 o'clock as well as now.

7 We are all to be here at 2:00 o'clock at
8 any rate. Let's give consideration to the chairman
9 who is duly elected by the entire City Council.

10 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Excuse me. I would like --
11 Everybody will have the opportunity to speak. Please,
12 let's take our time. It's going to be a long, long day,
13 maybe a long week. Let's take our time -- Maybe a long
14 four years. Let me say this to you: I hear what you are
15 saying about the 1:00 o'clock, but the two -- about con-
16 tinuing this until 1:30, but we all know the Council meeting
17 has been called for 2:00 o'clock. We have all had notice
18 of this for some time, and everybody has been working
19 very diligently preparing for this meeting.

20 There is no way that continuing this to
21 1:30 will enable us to start an equally more important
22 Council meeting at 2:00, so I agree we probably have to
23 make some adjustments, all of us, between each other by
24 talking about it, so let's continue to talk about this,

1 and I would like to tell you my specific problem whether
2 you are concerned or not.

3 I have a lot of documentation that I would
4 like to give every alderman on this committee and every
5 alderman of the Council, now. I want to give it to the
6 press, now. I want to give it to citizens, now. I want
7 them to have an opportunity to read it between now and
8 2:00 o'clock. I would like to present this to the committee,
9 now, and give it out now. I am prepared, we are prepared.

10 We are not looking to step on anybody's
11 toes. We are not looking to violate anybody's right to
12 speak because we all have a position, and sometimes some
13 of us are right and sometimes some of us are wrong, and
14 we have all got to live with each other for four years.

15 ALDERMAN HUMES: I want to say this: What we
16 need to do --

17 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: -- Now this committee meeting
18 was set by the call of the Chair. When we left the
19 ad hoc meeting, we said, we'll let the Chairman of the Ad
20 Hoc Committee and the Reorganization Committee call
21 this meeting by the call of the Chair.

22 Now, the Chair has advised us what is
23 obvious to everybody --

24 ALDERMAN LAURINO: The Chair has not advised us,

1 the Chair is up on the third floor, and --

2 ALDERMAN HUMES: Let's have it quiet. It's not
3 going to make that much difference between now and 1:30.

4 ALDERMAN MELL: That's your opinion.

5 ALDERMAN HUMES: I have a right to speak on my
6 opinion.

7 ALDERMAN LAURINO: I think we should vote on it.

8 ALDERMAN HUMES: And there can be no vote because
9 there has been no convening of any committee. We are just
10 having a discussion in an ad hoc manner, and whatever has
11 to be passed out at 1:30 can be passed out at 1:30.

12 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Let me say this -- You
13 say I can pass it out --

14 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Mr. Chairman --

15 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Wait. I agree -- I agree
16 we should not have a vote without the chairman of the
17 committee; let's get that straight. Let me say this to
18 you, and here is a compromise that I'm willing to propose --

19 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: The first of many.

20 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: The first and last that I'm
21 willing to propose. In this committee, I would respectfully
22 suggest that A, we select a Vice Chairman now of this
23 committee -- Let me finish.

24 ALDERMAN LAURINO: You've talked --

1 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Let me finish, please.

2 ALDERMAN LAURINO: I haven't spoken yet.

3 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: You can shout me down, but
4 let me finish, is that so hard? I know I'm not the best
5 fella in town, I'm just trying to do the best I can.
6 Now, I would respectfully suggest that we select a Vice
7 Chairman. I would respectfully suggest that we pass out
8 these respected materials that we were prepared to pass
9 out at this meeting.

10 I respectfully suggest, also, that if we
11 have a majority of the people of the committee that wish
12 to stay in this room, with the public here, with all the
13 cameras here, we can stay here until 12:15, not 1:30
14 because that chamber will be ready at 12:15, and we are
15 not going to waste another hour and fifteen minutes prior
16 to that Council meeting, and I suggest that we take the
17 meeting from here to that room at 12:15, not at 1:30,
18 and I also respectfully suggest to each and every person
19 in this room that whoever wishes to participate in dis-
20 cussion here of this Ad Hoc Committee which means just
21 what it says, there are no rules. It's a committee called
22 for discussion, that we, and hopefully as many as possible,
23 would stay and participate until we move there at 12:15.

24 We will not take a vote. We will not

1 take a vote, but we came to do business today, and business
2 it will be. We have important City business. We worked
3 very hard. We are responsible and we are ready. So, we
4 are going to proceed today.

5 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Let me just say, Eddie, --

6 ALDERMAN LAURINO: This man talks -- Hold it --
7 I can shout as loud as you have. Come on, you talked
8 before. Now, just a minute.

9 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Make yourself heard.

10 ALDERMAN LAURINO: He can be whatever he is.
11 He is Mr. Interlocutory, if you prefer, but whatever he is,
12 I'm saying this to you: When my colleague stands up and
13 says show respect for a man who sends a note not to us,
14 not to his colleagues, but to the Sergeant-at-Arms when
15 he refuses to come down to this room, and he is hiding up
16 on the third floor, that is not the action of a Chairman.
17 Now, there is a motion on the floor, whether you like it
18 or not. We are still a government of majority rule.
19 We have 27 members on this Ad Hoc Committee.

20 Now, I don't care whether we meet now or we
21 meet at 12:15, but this is still going to be a majority
22 rule, and at 12:15 if the Chairman chooses to remain on
23 the third floor, I would respectfully suggest that then we
24 proceed with the motion that's on the floor to pick a

1 temporary chairman. It doesn't matter what we say here.

2 ALDERMAN HUMES: The rush for 12:15, the rush
3 for right now, you know is totally out of hand. We wait
4 hours for every meeting before it starts, so all of a
5 sudden today we have to rush into the meeting? Yes, it
6 is a new era, yes; and without even convening this meeting,
7 we can pass out these materials, we can peruse it, and we
8 can be ready for a discussion at 12:30 -- if you want to
9 make a compromise, 12:30, and it will give us the time --
10 Excuse me, would you let me finish?

11 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: I'm sorry.

12 ALDERMAN HUMES: What we are talking about here
13 today, because whoever has the votes now will have them at
14 12:30, and so we don't have to have all these people
15 standing around the Council chambers, and I'm sure that you
16 gentlemen and ladies, fair-minded people, can wait until
17 that hour, okay?

18 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: There seems to be an opinion
19 here that there is a rush to do business. There's no rush
20 to do business. I was asked to be here at 10:00 o'clock,
21 and I came prepared.

22 Now, if you want to talk about thoughts
23 that really don't ring true, this idea of not having
24 enough room and not enough room for the press and the

1 public is not a good reason, and we all know that. We are
2 all sitting here saying to ourselves, that's not why they
3 are trying to delay the meeting, we are saying because
4 they are not ready or whatever, anything else, it's not
5 because there's not enough room for the press, us, or the
6 public. It's a delaying tactic, and I respect that.

7 You want to try to delay it, that's fine,
8 too, but don't try to counter it by saying there's a rush
9 to do something. We are here to do business. I suggest
10 we stay here and wait for the Chairman, and then when the
11 room opens at 12:15, go over there.

12 ALDERMAN KENNER: Gentlemen, I think that we
13 should move from the standpoint of calm. I have been in
14 this Council for 12 years. Many times I have been through
15 the same kind of problems, only on the other end. Some-
16 times we have people saying--Now we find the same people
17 that for all of us, for years have been saying "us" are
18 suddenly saying "they" because of a delay.

19 The one thing, I'm not a lawyer; some of
20 the other fellas are, and I think that one thing we should
21 recognize, and that is the fact that this Chairman was
22 elected and this committee was appointed by the full
23 Council.

24 I think that if we have to question the
status of anything that we do now, as an Ad Hoc Ad Hoc

1 Committee, so I think that we can show the same kind of
2 patience that we've shown all through the years, all of us.
3 We have had to bite the bullets in many of our communities
4 many times for many of the problems of this Council, so
5 why can't we talk about waiting, nobody.

6 I don't think there's any movement. The
7 only movements would be is for reason, the only movements
8 are for reason. There are no movements to hurt anybody.

9 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Ty, if you and I were in the
10 closet by ourselves, this would all be taken care of. You
11 and I both know that.

12 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: We can stay here and wait
13 until the room is open.

14 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Davis.

15 ALDERMAN DAVIS: One of the things that I
16 observed since I have been here is that traditionally
17 we give a great deal of deference and respect to chairmen
18 of committees.

19 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Not anymore.

20 ALDERMAN DAVIS: I think that's a tradition we
21 might want to hold to. There are some things that need
22 to be changed, but we always respect the will of the
23 Chairman.

24 The Chairman of this committee has made

1 a request which is not an unreasonable request, simply
2 asking that he have a bit more time. I don't think that
3 it's going to make a great deal of difference if we wait
4 until 1:30 to actually convene the committee. Move ahead
5 with this business at hand.

6 I think we owe it to the Chairman to do that,
7 and I think we owe it to ourselves to do it as well.

8 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Pucinski.

9 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: I think it's important to
10 put in the prospective why we are here this morning. We
11 assembled here, we were called here, we agreed to meet at
12 10:00 o'clock this morning so we could discuss fully,
13 perhaps, the most important single aspect of the next
14 four years, the organization of the City Council, the
15 appointment of committees, the adoption of rules which will
16 help make the Council a viable partner of the Mayor in
17 conducting the business of this City.

18 We came here at 10:00 o'clock because we
19 felt that it would be at least three hours or four hours
20 for discussion of some very serious matters before us,
21 matters that we can decide only at this time. We are not
22 going to be able to decide on it later on, so I don't see
23 any great conflict.

24 If the Chairman, Chairman Frost feels he

1 needs additional time, fine. The fact is that we have
2 the material here, we are meeting informally. Under the
3 Public Meeting Act, we have to deal with everybody in the
4 open, so I see no reason why we should not on an ad hoc
5 basis proceed now.

6 Mr. Vrdolyak is ready with his proposal
7 and his supporters. Let him present it to this group on
8 an ad hoc basis. Let's discuss it, do whatever we want
9 to, answer whatever questions are to be asked so that at
10 least we will save some time on that aspect.

11 My guess is at 1:30 or whenever we recon-
12 vene, Mr. Frost will probably have a similar proposal which
13 will need discussion, but I don't see how we can possibly
14 justify to our constituents that we will allow only 30
15 minutes for the most important segment of our proceedings
16 in the next four years.

17 Now, I don't believe that the Mayor --
18 this is his first meeting today -- I believe he will want
19 to start the meeting on time. I hope that if we do nothing
20 else in the next four years but start our meetings on time,
21 we will have made a great contribution. And so, my guess
22 is that the Mayor, Mayor Washington will undoubtedly want
23 to start his meeting at 2:00 o'clock promptly, and I say
24 it would be really a cruel thing and a great injustice if

1 we were to try to decide all of the problems of reorgani-
2 zation, appointment of committees, and rules in some 30
3 minutes, and therefore, I believe that is perfectly proper
4 for us now to proceed with an informal discussion of one
5 proposal that is before us.

6 Now, keep in mind that we continued this
7 meeting once before. We were ready last week to start the
8 discussions on reorganization of the City Council, the
9 appointment of committees, and at the request of the
10 Chair, we granted, as a courtesy to the Chair, we post-
11 poned it until today.

12 We came here at 10:00 o'clock fully
13 prepared to discuss the future of this City Council for
14 the next four years. Now, I don't see why we should not
15 proceed in that manner.

16 Those of you who want to stay and listen
17 to this discussion are welcome to do so. As Mr. Vrdolyak
18 said, we are not going to take any formal votes, but surely
19 it is proper for us to take advantage of the time. I
20 understand that Mr. Coletta did try to reschedule the
21 mock trial next door, and somebody overruled him. I'm not
22 sure who, but somebody told him it can't be done, so we
23 made an honest effort to use the Council Chamber, but that
24 did not work out, here we are in this room.

1 We have had this room this crowded before.
2 I think we can proceed with the orderly discussion
3 of the proposals, and I do believe that we should notify
4 Chairman Frost that if he wants to send us another letter
5 setting this meeting up at 12:15 so we can then discuss
6 all proposals before us in a fair and orderly manner, I
7 believe that justice will be served; for that reason,
8 Mr. Chairman, I suggest we proceed with an orderly dis-
9 cussion of one aspect of these proceedings.

10 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: There are some other aldermen
11 who would like to discuss this further, and we are going
12 to recognize everybody who wishes to speak. I would like
13 for all concerned to just recognize one fact, that had
14 the Chairman of this committee come here himself and made
15 this proposal, the body would have the right to vote
16 aye or nay on continuing this matter, so his not coming
17 here --

18 ALDERMAN MELL: You figure it out.

19 ALDERMAN KENNER: Two wrongs don't make a right,
20 Eddie.

21 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: I agree with you.

22 ALDERMAN EVANS: Ladies and gentlemen, we obviously
23 have a dilemma here. As already has been said, Chairman
24 Frost was elected by us all. I would have preferred if

1 he had come and submitted a proposal to change the time
2 himself, just as you would have. But here is the situation:
3 You know very well that he is one of the prime movers
4 here, as is Chairman Ed Vrdolyak. If Eddie had not been
5 here and had sent a note asking that this meeting be
6 postponed, everybody here would have agreed to postpone
7 the meeting.

8 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: I don't think so.

9 ALDERMAN MELL: I don't think so.

10 ALDERMAN EVANS: Let me say this --

11 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Hold it, hold it.

12 ALDERMAN EVANS: Let me say this: I realize
13 that the tensions are high, I realize that probably
14 everybody in this room -- The room simply isn't available.
15 We can cheat the public out of its opportunity to be heard
16 if we want to and have this City go in the same direction
17 that it has been going in the last few years, or we can
18 wait a few moments and give the City a chance to see if
19 this Council is willing to set off on a new course, one
20 that puts the City first.

21 I would suggest to you that there is nothing
22 essential about starting the meeting at 2:00 o'clock. The
23 main meeting can easily be postponed if we are not through
24 with the ad hoc meeting. All we have to do is go into

1 session at 2:00 o'clock, someone move to postpone the main
2 meeting until the ad hoc meeting is concluded, and we can
3 then conclude the business of the day.

4 I would strongly suggest that we not take
5 this action, it's not necessary. Somebody is going to win
6 today, somebody is going to lose today, and in a few
7 moments, it's not going to make any difference. I ask
8 your consideration that we table all the motions that have
9 been made, that we pass out the documents that Eddie has
10 brought, that we review those documents, that we attempt
11 to utilize the facilities across the hall as soon as they
12 are available, and be able to conclude our business; that's
13 what I would suggest we do.

14 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Then we are in agreement --

15 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: When we are done with
16 everybody's opinion, it will be open next door.

17 ALDERMAN MELL: If I could question my good
18 colleague, my good friend Alderman Evans, are you suggesting
19 that as soon as that room is open we proceed to that room
20 at 12:15?

21 ALDERMAN EVANS: I suggest we contact Chairman
22 Frost, advise him that the chambers will be available at
23 12:15 or 12:30, and find out if it would be possible to
24 proceed at that time. I would suggest that we do that,

1 give due consideration to our Chairman. I would like to
2 designate --

3 ALDERMAN MELL: I would designate Tim Evans and
4 Ty Kenner to go contact them --

5 ALDERMAN ROTI: Send the Sergeant-at-Arms.

6 ALDERMAN MELL: I would like to say what I would
7 like to say.

8 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Let everybody speak.

9 ALDERMAN MELL: Last Thursday in the big chamber,
10 I was there for a meeting at 10:00 o'clock. The meeting
11 was recessed to today. It was called for today at 10:00
12 o'clock. Today I'm here at 10:00 o'clock. I would hope
13 my good friends and the Chairman of this Ad Hoc Committee
14 would have come down to his brothers and his colleagues
15 in the City Council who he served with.-- I served with
16 him for eight years -- and ask us to honor his wishes. He
17 did not. He did not contact me. He sent a letter to the
18 Sergeant-at-Arms.

19 I feel hurt that he didn't come down and
20 sit down and talk to us. I am hurt.

21 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: He doesn't look that hurt.

22 ALDERMAN MELL: I think I personally will go with
23 the will of this body. I don't think that a compromise
24 to 12:15 is insurmountable when we have waited this long.

1 It's already 11:15. I think that we have serious business
2 today. I think for all of us to postpone and not face up
3 to our responsibilities as elected officials is not what
4 we were elected to do.

5 ALDERMAN VOLINI: I would like to say that all
6 of us who are here want to work for the best interest of
7 our City, and if it means waiting until 12:30 so we can
8 hear from everyone, I think we owe it to our constituents
9 to do so.

10 We have before us a plan that is soon to be
11 passed out. I think we must get that plan, and all of us
12 look at this plan and be prepared to comment on it by
13 12:30. I am certain that when Alderman Frost joins us, he
14 will have another plan, and I am here today to announce
15 that there is still a compromise plan that is going to
16 be introduced at that time.

17 I think --

18 ALDERMAN BURKE: I'm glad you know about it.

19 ALDERMAN VOLINI: It is a compromise plan that
20 will be put forth that perhaps could bring people together.

21 ALDERMAN ROTI: What's the compromise plan?

22 ALDERMAN MELL: Let's hear about it. Put it
23 on the table, if you have the compromise plan.

24 ALDERMAN VOLINI: You have a plan, Alderman Frost

1 has a plan, and there's a third compromise plan to be
2 offered. I think we should look at it. We should give
3 it our attention --

4 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Please let her speak.

5 ALDERMAN VOLINI: The third compromise plan will
6 be prepared and ready to pass out to you at 12:30.

7 ALDERMAN ROTI: Who is working on it? I mean,
8 you made a statement, Marion.

9 ALDERMAN VOLINI: It is a compromise plan.

10 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: First of all, we are delighted
11 that there is a third compromise plan. We haven't seen
12 the first or second yet. Ours is coming out to all of
13 you today -- Please allow me to finish. Ours is coming
14 out today. I will ask all of the members who wish to
15 remain here until 12:15 to go to the next room and to stay
16 and discuss these particular matters which we are going to
17 submit to do so.

18 I submit to one and all that we will be
19 in that next room at 12:15 to begin the meeting at 12:15.

20 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: I think the proposal should
21 wait until 1:15.

22 ALDERMAN HUMES: Let's look at it now.

23 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Burke.

24 ALDERMAN BURKE: Ladies and gentlemen, if we are

1 going to cloak these procedures with any semblance
2 whatsoever of any kind of parliamentary procedure or any
3 rules of order, we should proceed, call the roll, and
4 select either a temporary chairman or a Vice Chairman.

5 To proceed like this is an insult to any
6 kind of parliamentary procedure, and until such time as we --
7 with a quorum present -- organize to do temporarily the
8 work of this Ad Hoc Committee, we are, I suggest to you,
9 acting foolish, in a foolhardy manner.

10 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Calling the roll: Roti?

11 ALDERMAN ROTI: Here.

12 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Kenner?

13 ALDERMAN KENNER: Here.

14 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Wait a second, I didn't say
15 we are going to do anything -- Folks, before we can do
16 anything, we had better --

17 ALDERMAN BURKE: Find out if there's a quorum.

18 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: How do we know who we are
19 even addressing this letter to?

20 Evans?

21 ALDERMAN EVANS: Here.

22 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Sawyer?

23 ALDERMAN SAWYER: Here.

24 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Beavers?

1 ALDERMAN BEAVERS: Here.

2 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Humes?

3 ALDERMAN HUMES: Here.

4 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Vrdolyak? Present.

5 Huels?

6 ALDERMAN HUELS: Here.

7 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Madrzyk?

8 ALDERMAN MADRZYK: Here.

9 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Burke?

10 ALDERMAN BURKE: Here.

11 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Kellam?

12 ALDERMAN KELLAM: Here.

13 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Clifford Kelley?

14 Frank Stemberk?

15 ALDERMAN STEMBERK: Here.

16 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Marzullo?

17 ALDERMAN MARZULLO: Here.

18 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Danny Davis?

19 ALDERMAN DAVIS: Here.

20 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: George Hagopian?

21 ALDERMAN HAGOPIAN: Here.

22 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Terry Gabinski?

23 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Here.

24 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Mell?

1 ALDERMAN MELL: Here.

2 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Chairman Frost?

3 Cullerton?

4 ALDERMAN CULLERTON: Here.

5 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Laurino?

6 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Here.

7 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Pucinski?

8 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Here.

9 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Natarus? He is up working
10 on the papers.

11 Oberman? He is up there, too.

12 Schulter?

13 ALDERMAN SCHULTER: Here.

14 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Volini?

15 ALDERMAN VOLINI: Here.

16 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Orr?

17 Stone?

18 ALDERMAN STONE: Here.

19 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Excuse me, I beg your pardon.
20 Beavers is not on the committee, you are absolutely right.
21 I apologize.

22 ALDERMAN BURKE: Would the record reflect that
23 a quorum is indeed present.

24 ALDERMAN ROTI: Mr. Chairman --

1 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: The -- There is a quorum
2 present -- If you listened when I started, I said if I
3 may be allowed to open the meeting. I read this letter
4 from Alderman Frost. I understand my position is unofficial,
5 I understand that. Until this body makes someone official --
6 Alderman Pucinski?

7 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: I would like to suggest very
8 informally that Alderman Evans call Chairman Frost and
9 tell him that we want to meet either at 12:15 or 12:30,
10 and he will send --

11 ALDERMAN EVANS: I sent Tyrone Kenner upstairs.

12 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Roti?

13 ALDERMAN ROTI: I just want to make one statement.
14 Marion is talking about Frost's plan, the compromise plan.
15 I don't think we should submit ours to the public as yet
16 until we get all three proposals.

17 ALDERMAN BURKE: Ladies and gentlemen, let the
18 record reflect we still haven't selected a temporary
19 chairman, and I don't think that we should proceed in any
20 way until such time until we have somebody who can preside
21 over this meeting.

22 I move we select a temporary chairman, and
23 I move the temporary chairman be Alderman Vrdolyak.

24 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: We have a Chairman. You can

1 move to appoint a Vice Chairman.

2 ALDERMAN BURKE: I move that we have a temporary
3 chairman.

4 ALDERMAN EVANS: Let me ask you to do this:
5 Give me 20 minutes --

6 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Let me make a suggestion --
7 Let me make a suggestion. I think we can handle this.
8 Let this motion go through so we can complete this
9 meeting. Make a temporary chairman so we can close this
10 in the formal fashion. We will not conduct any formal
11 business or take any votes. We will continue the meeting
12 in the proper fashion as the meeting should be until 12:15.

13 ALDERMAN EVANS: Eddie, let me ask you this.

14 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Sure.

15 ALDERMAN EVANS: Twenty minutes. We are talking
16 about twenty-five minutes to twelve. I simply want to
17 advise our Chairman -- I simply want to advise our
18 Chairman --

19 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Absolutely, absolutely.

20 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: We'll wait. We have got
21 more discussion.

22 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Sure we'll wait.

23 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Did you want to say something?

24 ALDERMAN ROTI: Hey, Martin is back. What did

1 you say, Marty?

2 (WHEREUPON, a recess was held
3 in the proceedings.)

4 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Calling the roll --

5 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Is Tim Evans back? Is
6 Alderman Evans back?

7 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Calling of the roll.
8 Roti?

9 ALDERMAN ROTI: Here.

10 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Kenner?

11 Evans?

12 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Why are we calling the roll?

13 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: We agreed with Evans and
14 Kenner and the others that they wanted 20 minutes, and
15 they would come back. We gave them 30 minutes. We are
16 not going to take a vote at this juncture, we are going
17 to start our meeting. We are going to take it into there
18 at 12:15, and hopefully, everybody will come down and
19 participate.

20 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Why are we calling a roll?

21 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: To see if there's a quorum.

22 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: We are not going to do any
23 business here, what difference does it make --

24 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Do you have an objection

1 to calling the roll?

2 ALDERMAN ROTI: There's no objection in calling
3 the roll.

4 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Kenner?

5 Evans?

6 Sawyer?

7 Humes?

8 Vrdolyak? Here.

9 Huels?

10 ALDERMAN HUELS: Here.

11 ALDERMAN BRDOLYAK: Madrzyk?

12 ALDERMAN MADRZYK: Here.

13 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Burke?

14 ALDERMAN BURKE: Here.

15 ALDERMAN BRDOLYAK: Kellam?

16 ALDERMAN KELLAM: Here.

17 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Stemberk?

18 ALDERMAN STEMBERK: Here.

19 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Marzullo?

20 ALDERMAN MARZULLO: Here.

21 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Danny Davis?

22 George Hagopian?

23 ALDERMAN HAGOPIAN: Here.
24

1 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Terry Gabinski?

2 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Here.

3 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Richard Mell?

4 ALDERMAN MELL: Here.

5 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Thomas Cullerton?

6 ALDERMAN CULLERTON: Here.

7 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Laurino?

8 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Here.

9 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Pucinski?

10 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Here.

11 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Natarus?

12 Oberman?

13 ALDERMAN BURKE: He left, too.

14 ALDERMAN ROTI: That figures.

15 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Schulter?

16 ALDERMAN SCHULTER: Here.

17 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Volini?

18 Stone?

19 ALDERMAN STONE: Here.

20 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Orr?

21 Sixteen members being present, we have a
22 quorum.

23 ALDERMAN MELL: Oberman is here.

24 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Oberman, are you in or out?

1 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: Am I in or out of what?

2 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: He is here.

3 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Burke?

4 ALDERMAN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I previously had
5 made a motion to select a temporary chairman of this
6 committee. However, at this time I'm prepared to withdraw
7 that motion and substitute in its place a motion to elect
8 a Vice Chairman, and I move that that Vice Chairman be
9 designated as Alderman Vrdolyak.

10 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: All in favor signify by
11 saying "Aye".

12 (WHEREUPON, a chorus of "ayes"
13 were heard.)

14 ALDERMAN VRDOLYAK: Opposed?

15 (WHEREUPON, a chorus of "nays"
16 were heard.)

17 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: What is the purpose of this?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Here are copies of the
19 rules, proposed rule changes.

20 ALDERMAN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, are you offering
21 this proposed rule change --

22 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: To the committee.

23 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: For discussion purposes.

24 ALDERMAN ROTI: Only the rule changes, is that it,

1 Mr. Chairman?

2 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Yes, at this time.
3 Do you gentlemen have copies? Come up and get them.

4 (WHEREUPON said copies were
5 handed out.)

6 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: The Chair recognizes
7 Alderman Pucinski.

8 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: I think it should be made
9 very clear that what we are doing here now is distributing
10 these rules in order to afford the committee the largest
11 amount of time possible to look at all the changes being
12 proposed, so what we are going to have is an informal
13 discussion and ask questions if necessary simply because
14 we want to take advantage of the time.

15 I'm assuming that at 12:15 or 12:30 we are
16 going to then resume the committee in full operation.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: As soon as the full
18 Council chamber is available, which is approximately 12:15,
19 this body will --

20 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Just walk over.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: -- walk over and continue
22 the hearing.

23 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: It seems to me, Mr. Chairman,
24 that unless there's an awful lot more people that come

1 here, we seem to be very comfortable and have room to
2 deliberate.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: In case there's going
4 to be a great abundance of people who wish to participate
5 and watch the proceedings, we are going to go where we
6 do have more room and let the people watch the rest of
7 that meeting, and if they wish to stay for the Council
8 meeting, --

9 ALDERMAN BURKE: I think the record should reflect
10 at this point that there are at least four television
11 cameras, I can note representatives of at least two of
12 the metropolitan papers as well as representatives of
13 radio stations who are present in the room along with
14 approximately 100 private citizens and virtually all of
15 the members of the City Council.

16 I believe that this meeting is open to the
17 public, and I think it's clear that this meeting was called
18 pursuant to a motion by the members of this Ad Hoc
19 Committee. This indeed is an Ad Hoc Committee selected
20 by members elect of the Chicago City Council for the term
21 1983 to 1987, before their inauguration.

22 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: I --

23 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: I will recognize you,
24 you are next. Go ahead.

1 ALDERMAN BURKE: Before their inauguration.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Oberman.

3 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: As long as we are making
4 recitations for the record, there's about 100 people
5 standing out in the hallway who can't get in. There
6 weren't enough seats for all the committee members when they
7 were in here, and I assume they will be back. People
8 are standing up, and it's very hard to conduct business
9 this way.

10 It's now ten to twelve. Why can't we wait
11 the forty minutes we talked about waiting when the
12 Council chamber opens up? What's the big deal?

13 ALDERMAN BURKE: With all due respect for the
14 record, the representations made by Alderman Oberman are
15 certainly not correct. There are sufficient numbers of
16 chairs for all the members of this committee. I believe
17 the members of the committee can make note of that, and
18 many of them are seated in those chairs.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Pucinski?

20 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: I fail to understand Alderman
21 Oberman of all people who should complain about our trying
22 to use as much time as possible to discuss these very
23 complex rules. It seems to me that you would welcome this
24 opportunity for us to informally discuss these rules so

1 that every member of the City Council who is here is fully
2 apprised of what is being proposed.

3 I think you'll find that these rules will
4 make the City Council a much more effective legislative
5 body, and certainly will give the Mayor a greater hand in
6 dealing with some of the problems of the City, so why would
7 there be any efforts to curtail discussion?

8 I suggest we proceed, Mr. Chairman.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: If all of you are through,
10 we can begin with the business. I would like to also
11 request of Alderman Oberman if we could see your set of
12 rules, Compromise 1 and 2 or 3, if you have them, and
13 give us some time to look at those.

14 ALDERMAN OBERMAN: I don't have any proposals
15 at this point.

16 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Mr. Vice Chairman, should
17 we take a few minutes to read this?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Let's take a few minutes
19 to read it.

20 The Chairman recognizes Alderman Pucinski.

21 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Rule 35 basically revises
22 committee structure and expands the number of standing
23 committees of the Council from 20 to 29, and does indeed
24 bring in some very interesting standing committees that will

1 deal with problems that we're going to be seeing as we
2 move along.

3 The Committee on Administration and
4 Municipal Reorganization is a committee we needed for
5 a long time.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: A little order here.
7 The press, we will have copies for you, the rest are on
8 the way. Give them to Santiago. Here, Alderman, you
9 need two more? Alderman, did you need a couple copies?

10 Do all the aldermen have copies? Do
11 all the aldermen have copies?

12 ALDERMAN ROTI: We have to save some for the
13 missing members.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: All right. The
15 Chair recognizes Alderman -- Let's go. A little order.
16 A little order. We are getting more copies of the
17 resolution concerning rules, and we'll have sufficient
18 copies for everyone who wants a copy.

19 The Chair recognizes Alderman Pucinski.

20 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: The additional committees
21 are very important in the light of the additional work that
22 is required of the legislative body. The Committee on
23 Administration and Municipal Reorganization is certainly
24 a very important addition to the committee structure of

1 the City Council.

2 The committees on Aviation and
3 Beautification. The Committee on Buildings. You will
4 note that the Buildings and Zoning Committee is split
5 with the Buildings Committee taking on part of the duties
6 and the Zoning Committee taking on another part. There
7 has been some talk that it was important to make a split
8 like this because of the mounting amount of matters that
9 each of these committees take.

10 The Committee on Cable Television. I would
11 think that the Mayor and all the members of the City
12 Council would welcome the establishment of a permanent
13 standing committee on cable T.V., since cable T.V. is
14 going to have a fantastic impact on this City as it begins
15 to be installed in the City, so the Cable Television
16 Committee.

17 You notice that we have taken the Committee
18 on Claims and Liabilities with a subcommittee of the
19 Finance Committee, and that committee now is going to be
20 a standing committee because of the amount of matters
21 that it deals with, and matters that have claims against
22 the City have been delayed for long months.

23 It's not fair to those who have a claim
24 against the City to have to wait an undeterminant period

1 of time for a solution and settlement of the problem.

2 The Committee on Committees and Rules will
3 remain.

4 Committee on Cultural Development; Committee
5 on Economic Development; Committee on Education; Committee
6 on Employment and Personnel. Much has been talked about,
7 the whole selection of municipal personnel. Here is a
8 committee that will deal with specifically the problems,
9 considering that we do have 44,000 employees in this city,
10 and they ought to have a committee that can work efficiently
11 with the various organizations, to solve the problems of
12 that segment of our community.

13 Committee on Energy and Environmental
14 Protection; Finance; and Community Health, Committee on
15 Housing and Neighborhood Development; very important
16 committee, and they are all committed to neighborhood
17 development. We have a commitment to that. It seems to
18 me that this group who put the proposals together was
19 very wise to recognize that there ought to be a standing
20 committee to deal exclusively with that problem.

21 The Mayor has stated repeatedly that Chicago
22 is a city of neighborhoods. He will want to have programs,
23 and the City Council wants to help him.

24 The Committee on Intergovernmental

1 Relations. This committee's activities are expanded,
2 and include oversight operations of all the agencies of the
3 City government so that we won't be reading in the press
4 about failure of agencies to do their job when such reports
5 do come up there will be a committee -- a standing committee
6 to follow through on these complaints and revelations.

7 Committee on Land Acquisition and
8 Disposition, Committees on Leases, Licenses, Committee
9 on Streets and Alleys, Committee on Local Transportation.
10 Committee on Municipal Code Revision. This is a very
11 important committee. We are a viable city, and conditions
12 change and needs change, and having a standing committee to
13 review the codes, I believe will be a very important
14 addition to the City Council.

15 Committee on Police, Fire, and Municipal
16 Institutions; Ports, Wharves and Bridges; Public Utilities.
17 We have a Committee on Special Events. There is no question
18 that the most important single thing that's going to
19 happen in this city in the next 120 months is going to be
20 the World's Fair, and I think it certainly is a very wise
21 move on the part of the City Council, especially in the
22 light of what we have learned in previous operations to
23 have a committee that's going to monitor special events,
24 and particularly the World's Fair. As you know, it's

1 going to be a multi-million dollar project. It will need
2 the oversight of a standing committee in order to move
3 along.

4 Committee on Traffic Control and Safety,
5 and Committee on Zoning.

6 I would like to call your attention to the
7 fact that we have split the Building and Zoning Committee
8 into two separate committees. We will be very happy to
9 answer any questions of any member on this committee
10 structure revision. Any questions? Any comments? Any
11 suggestions?

12 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Mr. Chairman, a lot of us
13 are trying to read up on this as we go along.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Alderman Burke?

15 ALDERMAN BURKE: It appears on the Committee on
16 Police, Fire Personnel and Municipal Institutions that the
17 function of the personnel has been carved from that
18 committee; is that my understanding? Is there a new
19 committee to be responsible for personnel?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Yes.

21 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Administration, Reorganization
22 and Personnel, Number 1.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Committee on the
24 Administration, Reorganization and Personnel.

1 ALDERMAN BURKE: I see. Will that committee --

2 ALDERMAN ROTI: He has an old copy.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: That committee what?

4 ALDERMAN BURKE: Will it have general juris-
5 diction over the Department of Personnel and the Personnel
6 Board, the administration of the Career Service Program
7 and various contractual obligations that the City has?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: On Page 4, you have,
9 "The Committee on Administration, Reorganization and
10 Personnel shall have jurisdiction over all matters con-
11 cerning the reorganization of the agencies, departments,
12 and offices of the city government; the elimination, con-
13 solidation or merger thereof; and transfers of powers,
14 duties or functions between the city government and other
15 governmental entities; and the efficiency and operation
16 of departments, agencies and offices not within the
17 jurisdiction of the other standing committees; personnel
18 promotions, transfers, demotions and discharges, career
19 services and merit systems, seniority and competitive
20 examinations, and the enforcement and protection of
21 employees. The committee shall have jurisdiction over
22 employee grievances, and the Department of Personnel."

23 ALDERMAN BURKE: My only question is perhaps
24 we should look at the overlapping of the apparent jurisdiction

1 of 1 and 11 which might be something that should be
2 clarified, I don't know.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: I think -- no, that the
4 structure of the Committee on Employment and the purpose
5 of the Committee on Employment was the basic hiring, the
6 hiring and the hiring policies of the City.

7 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: I see.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Whereas the other
9 committee, it dealt with other matters, it dealt with the
10 present employees, the promotions, transfers, hirings --
11 I mean firings, disciplinary action. I think that under
12 Section 1, or under the Committee of Administration,
13 Reorganization and Personnel, we will also have a direct
14 opportunity for people in the City of Chicago and employees
15 of the City of Chicago who deal -- who might, although
16 it's not necessary for them to relinquish any legal rights
17 that they might have of Shackman and other civil rights
18 questions, what they might avail themselves, going directly
19 to a City Council committee with City aldermen to review
20 whether in fact they were the grieved party, and whether
21 they should be given some relief instead of going to
22 Court.

23 ALDERMAN BURKE: Thank you.

24 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Rule 36 expands the maximum

1 number of committee assignments for aldermen from 7 to
2 9; expands maximum size of the Finance Committee from 33
3 to 34 members; adds Vice Mayor as ex officio member of
4 all standing committees in lieu of President Pro Tempore.

5 Any questions?

6 Rule 36 also specifies procedures for
7 creation of subcommittees, appointment of their member-
8 ship, reference of matters to and reporting by sub-
9 committees; prohibits removal of committee members, officers
10 except by two-thirds vote of the Council; requires two-
11 thirds vote of Council to create special committees.

12 Any questions on that?

13 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: I think you ought to read
14 Rule 36 over on Page 3. Let's all take a look at that.
15 Would you read Page 3, Rule 36?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: It starts on the bottom --

17 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: On the top of Page 3.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Read it.

19 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Go ahead.

20 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: "Rule 36 is changed, in the
21 second paragraph thereof, by revising said paragraph to
22 read as follows: Aldermen shall be assigned to a maximum
23 of nine standing committees" --
24

ALDERMAN GABINSKI: No, no, on Page 3, the top

1 of Page 3, there's two parts of it.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: He is reading the first
3 part on Page 2.

4 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Read --

5 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: "Rule 36 is further changed
6 by adding thereto the following: A committee may, by
7 majority vote of its full membership, create a permanent
8 or temporary subcommittee. The membership, chairmen
9 and vice-chairmen of subcommittees shall be appointed by
10 the Chairman of the parent committee.

11 Subcommittee jurisdiction shall be deter-
12 mined by the parent committee, but may not exceed the
13 jurisdiction of the parent committee. Subcommittees shall
14 report to their parent committee, and may be discharged
15 from consideration of any matter only by a majority vote
16 of the full membership of the parent committee.

17 Members, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of
18 committees may be removed only by resolution of the Council
19 adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the
20 aldermen entitled by law to be elected.

21 Special committees may be created by the
22 Council only by resolution adopted by the affirmative
23 vote of two-thirds of the aldermen entitled by law to be
24 elected."

1 Any questions?

2 ALDERMAN BURKE: Let me ask you a question:
3 Why do we now delete the President Pro Tem ex officio
4 membership on all committees? Is it just a replacement
5 with the Vice Mayor, is that it?

6 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: It's in lieu of the
7 President Pro Tem, just a judgment.

8 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: He has enough to do.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Just a judgment.

10 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: 37?

11 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Revises jurisdiction of
12 standing committees in accordance with expanded committee
13 structure. I don't think anybody wants to read all that.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: 38. Page 12.

15 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: 38 requires quarterly reports
16 of committee activity by each standing committee; clarifies
17 procedure for discharging committees, and requires two-
18 thirds vote of the Council for such motions; lower quorum
19 for Finance Committee to 15. But I think that it's impor-
20 tant to have on file the activities of all the standing
21 committees. You may recall sometime back, somebody did
22 a study, and it was a very critical study.

23 I think the fact that each committee has
24 to report every quarter what they have been doing in their

1 activities, I think will indeed give these committees a
2 greater stimulus to do their job more effectively.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: In five minutes they
4 will be ready for us.

5 ALDERMAN BURKE: There has been a great deal of
6 criticism in the past of the failure of committees to meet.
7 Is this designed to alleviate that?

8 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Well, they have to report
9 quarterly of their activities. They had better have
10 something to report.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Copies of that will be
12 given to every Council member, and if you come back with
13 a blank sheet of paper that a certain committee didn't
14 meet in a three-month period, I think that everyone on
15 the Council would consider that a serious problem and look
16 for answers as to why meetings weren't held, and to try to
17 give some constructive input to the Chairman of that
18 committee and to have them start holding meetings of
19 merit and substance.

20 ALDERMAN BURKE: There also appears that there's
21 some significant changes in the jurisdiction on the
22 Committee of Finance; is that correct?

23 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Finance, yes. Finance
24 is on Page 13.

1 ALDERMAN BURKE: Is there now a standing committee
2 on leases?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: The Finance Committee
4 has been reduced greatly because of three of the major
5 subcommittees of Finance were Land Acquisitions, Claims,
6 and Leases. Each one of those subcommittees has now been
7 made into a committee of its own, and thereby reducing
8 some of the scope of Finance, some of the authority of
9 Finance, and making Finance a smaller committee.

10 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: All right. Rule 41 is
11 changed by, it eliminates matter moved to other Rules. I
12 don't have a -- Here it is.

13 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Deleting everything after
14 the first paragraph according to --

15 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Right.

16 ALDERMAN BAGINSKI: It's my understanding,
17 Mr. Vice Chairman, that the first paragraph includes
18 Sub-Sections A, B, and so on. It's the last three para-
19 graphs that have been deleted. So everyone is clear on
20 what is being deleted in Rule 41 and what is remaining,
21 it says --

22 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: That's correct.

23 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: It says everything after
24 the first paragraph we should be clear that that includes

1 Subtitle A and Subtitle B. Those are not dropped.

2 ALDERMAN LAURINO: I think that's covered in
3 44.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Could you address your-
5 self to that -- Give him the rule book. Show me exactly
6 where.

7 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: The first paragraph.

8 ALDERMAN LAURINO: The next rule change picks
9 up some of the changes.

10 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Mr. Vice Chairman, Rule 41
11 has been changed. I will read into the record the part
12 of Rule 41 which will remain, if I'm permitted to do so.

13 Rule 41, "All ordinances, orders, petitions,
14 resolutions, motions, communications or other propositions
15 shall be referred without delay to the appropriate committees
16 and only acted upon by the City Council at a subsequent
17 meeting on the report of the committee having
18 the same in charge, provided, however, that the following
19 shall not be subject to this rule.

20 A. Ordinances fixing the time for the
21 next succeeding regular meeting of the City Council.

22 B. Motions listed in Rule 21 and purely
23 procedural motions.

24 C. Resolutions determining the membership,

1 Chairman, Vice Chairman, or Council committees."

2 That remains as Rule 41. After that, we
3 start with "Whenever" through the last words in those
4 three paragraphs reading "miscellaneous businesses".
5 Those are dropped, and I understand that those are picked
6 up in Rule 44.

7 ALDERMAN LAURINO: A portion discharged --

8 ALDERMAN BURKE: May I make an observation? I
9 do believe --

10 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: That I couldn't pronounce
11 "subsequent"?

12 ALDERMAN BURKE: I do believe there's a typo in
13 that rule. I believe that C should be "of Council
14 committees" as opposed to "or Council committees".
15 I believe that's a typo.

16 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: In the existing book.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: In the '79-'83 book.

18 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: That's where we have changes
19 to straighten it out.

20 ALDERMAN BURKE: So I move that we amend the
21 existing rule to correct the typographical error.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: We'll take care of it.

23 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Rule 44 revises and clarifies
24 procedure for presentation of committee reports; provides

1 that matters recommended "do not pass" by a committee are
2 automatically tabled unless the sponsor moves to disapprove
3 the committee report and the Council adopts the motion by
4 a two-thirds vote; clarifies that standing committees may
5 submit substitute proposals.

6 Questions?

7 Rules 46 revises procedures for introduc-
8 tion of legislation, and specifies matters to be included
9 in matters filed; requires sequential and systematic
10 numbering of ordinances, resolutions, and orders as intro-
11 duced, as well as amendments filed; requires the City Clerk
12 to maintain records of all legislation introduced and to
13 periodically report on status of all matters pending;
14 requires publication of all legislation upon introduction
15 and of amendments upon adoption; prohibits voting on
16 amendments and legislation until copies made available to
17 members at meeting, both in committee and in Council;
18 requires publication in full of all ordinances in Journal
19 upon passage, and allows Clerk to publish abstracts only
20 of resolutions and orders in the Journal, formerly included
21 ordinances.

22 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Vice Chairman, that is
23 the largest and most important change. I would prevail
24 upon Alderman Pucinski to read that, if he may, Rule 46

1 which starts on Page 16.

2 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: "Rule 46 is changed by sub-
3 stituting for the first four paragraphs thereof, the
4 following: Ordinances, resolutions and orders may be
5 introduced only by aldermen, except as is otherwise
6 provided in these Rules or by ordinance or law for
7 introductions by the Mayor, by filing three copies
8 with the City Clerk during a meeting of the Council.

9 All such matters introduced shall be
10 typed or printed on 8½ x 11 inch paper or printed, and
11 the pages thereof shall be numbered. Each matter
12 introduced shall identify the sponsoring alderman or
13 the Mayor where applicable, and may identify additional
14 aldermen as co-sponsors.

15 All ordinances which propose to amend any
16 section of the Municipal Code of Chicago or any general
17 or special ordinance shall indicate all language or figures
18 to be added to the existing ordinance by underlining such
19 addition, but language or figures to be omitted or repealed
20 need not be specifically indicated.

21 Upon introduction, the City Clerk shall
22 assign a sequential number to each proposed ordinance,
23 resolution, and order in accordance with a sequential
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1 numbering system for each type of such legislation
2 established by the Clerk with the approval of the
3 Committee on Committees and Rules.

4 Each amendment to a pending ordinance,
5 resolution or order shall similarly be numbered sequen-
6 tially upon introduction, whether introduced in committee
7 or in the Council, by reference to the number of the
8 document proposed to be amended.

9 Sequential numbering shall also apply
10 to amendments to amendments. The City Clerk shall
11 maintain continuous and up-to-date records of all
12 matters introduced, and their status, and shall regularly
13 report on such status, all of which shall be public
14 records.

15 Ordinance, resolutions or orders shall be
16 promptly reproduced by the City Clerk upon introduction in
17 sufficient quantities for distribution to each alderman,
18 each elected city officer, the Law Department, the City
19 Council Legislative Reference Bureau, each department or
20 agency of the City affected thereby, and for a reasonable
21 number of copies to be available to the public in the City
22 Clerk's office. Upon their adoption, the same publication
23 requirement shall apply to amendments.

24 No ordinance, resolution or order, or amend-
ment thereto, may be voted upon for adoption or passage

1 by the Council or by any committee until copies have
2 been made available to the aldermen in attendance at
3 such meeting.

4 After passage or adoption by the City
5 Council, ordinances, resolutions and orders shall be printed
6 in full in the Journal of the Proceedings; provided that
7 resolutions and orders which are routine as to form and
8 which may readily and completely be abstracted need not
9 be printed in full but may be so abstracted by the City
10 Clerk in the Journal, unless the Council directs publication
11 in full."

12 Now, that's a reform that's been kicking
13 around this Council for many, many years, and obviously
14 this set of rules does address itself to this problem.
15 I think it will help citizens and organizations interested
16 in the City Council to follow the dealings and deliberations
17 of the Council in a much more orderly manner.

18 ALDERMAN BURKE: I think, Mr. Vice Chairman,
19 it should be noted that the City Clerk has been imple-
20 menting some of these forms without having them placed
21 formally in the rules.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Without benefit of law?

23 ALDERMAN BURKE: He is like John the Baptist,
24 he goes out into the desert in front of the recommendations

1 of these reforms, but I do think that we should observe
2 that allowing these resolutions, many of which are
3 congratulatory resolutions, memorial resolutions to be
4 referred to in the abstract is certainly a reform that's
5 not only going to save money but it's going to make the job
6 in the Clerk's office a lot easier.

7 As we all know, in recent years in many
8 instances we have had to have the Clerk's office working
9 overtime in the evenings to prepare Council Journals
10 because of the sequential dates of meetings that were so
11 close together, so indeed anything that can reduce the
12 volume or the bulk of the Journal without affecting
13 the substantive actions of the Council is indeed a reform
14 and an improvement.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: If I might make the
16 recommendation --

17 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: We have one last item,
18 let's finish the item.

19 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Rule 49, very important
20 change. It requires a two-thirds vote to remove the
21 Sergeant-at-Arms, and that's a very good rule because
22 sometimes the members make great demands on the Sergeant-
23 at-Arms, and if he can't fulfill those demands, there's a
24 tendency to get a little rough with him, and I think he

1 ought to have the security of knowing that two-thirds --

2 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: On occasion, we have
3 seen over the years a member put an amendment to the
4 budget reducing the Sergeant-at-Arms' salary because they
5 had a problem. So --

6 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: On the advice of the Vice
7 Chairman, how shall we proceed? Do we need a recess?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN: We can take ourselves to the full
9 Council chamber and continue this hearing.

10 (WHEREUPON, there was a recess
11 in the proceedings.)

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1 ALDERMAN FROST: This session will come to
2 order, please.

3 Since we haven't started, we don't have to
4 recess. Will you hold on for a few minutes.

5 (Whereupon, a short recess was
6 had.)

7 CHAIRMAN FROST: Members of the City Council,
8 we regret the delay of this meeting due to the use of the
9 City Council Chambers and the fact that we have so many
10 people who are interested in these proceedings. This was
11 the reason we sent a letter this morning prior to the 10:00
12 o'clock indicating that this meeting would be continued
13 until 1:30 this afternoon. I understanding that the letter
14 was read to the body; and during the interim period, we had
15 several discussions with the Corporation Counsel as to the
16 status of this meeting. I will give you the benefit of
17 these discussions. As a result we can make a determination
18 as to what our course of action will be.

19 The Ad Hoc Committee Meeting that was
20 formed by this Council was formed I think it was April
21 fifteenth. And at that particular time we had about 14
22 members of this City Council who had been elected and 12 who
23 had not been certified as members of this Body. This Body
24 is ad hoc; and ad hoc means that it has no legal status in

1 the Corporation Counsel's opinion, appointed me as its
2 Chairman, all fifty members and we went through a process
3 where the twenty-seven persons were put on a committee that
4 was to entertained rules and make recommendations to the
5 full body. Legal questions have been raised as to whether
6 or not we still have the power to use that committee because
7 the status of many of our members have changed since that
8 time.

9 Since that time, all fifty members of this
10 City Council have been inducted and sworn into office and
11 are now legally capable to serve. Based on that
12 recommendation, I was given the advice that any matters that
13 we might discuss here would be appropriately discussed at
14 the City Council meeting that will be held at 2:00 P.M.
15 today.

16 The Chair recognizes Alderman Kelley.

17 ALDERMAN KELLEY: Move to adjourn.

18 CHAIRMAN FROST: All those in favor, signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (A chorus of ayes.)

21 (A chorus of requests for roll
22 call.)

23 CHAIRMAN FROST: The meeting is adjourned.

24 ALDERMAN BURKE: First of all, Mr. Vice

1 Chairman, and I believe that the record will indicate that
2 you have been so elected by the members of this committee,
3 it is unfortunate that we are witnessing a raw attempt to
4 ignore the law, to ignore procedure and to make a mockery of
5 the parliamentary procedure that is supposed to govern all
6 the legislative bodies. First of all, I don't believe there
7 is a Corporation Counsel yet. That name has never been
8 submitted to the City Council and has not been approved by
9 the City Council.

10 Secondly, I would indicate for the record
11 that cases have been cited by that statement that was
12 afforded to be presented to us but moreover Mr. Vice
13 Chairman, I think that at this time that you should call the
14 roll to determine whether or not a quorum does indeed exist
15 here so that business can proceed consistent with the
16 resolution that was adopted establishing this Body.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Roti?

18 ALDERMAN ROTI: Here.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Kenner?

20 Evans?

21 Sawyer?

22 Humes?

23 Vrdolyak? Present.

24 Huels?

1 ALDERMAN HUELS: Here.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Majerczyk?

3 ALDERMAN MAJERCZYK: Here.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Burke?

5 ALDERMAN BURKE: Here.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Kellam?

7 ALDERMAN KELLAM: Here.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Clifford Kelley?

9 Stemberk?

10 ALDERMAN STEMBERK: Here.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Marzullo?

12 ALDERMAN MARZULLO: Here.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Danny Davis?

14 Hagopian?

15 ALDERMAN HAGOPIAN: Here.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Gabinski?

17 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Here.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Mell?

19 ALDERMAN MELL: Here.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Frost?

21 Cullerton?

22 ALDERMAN CULLERTON: Here.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Laurino?

24 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Here.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Pucinski?

2 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Here.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Natarus?

4 Oberman?

5 Schulter?

6 ALDERMAN SCHULTER: Here.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Volini?

8 Orr?

9 Stone?

10 ALDERMAN STONE: Here.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Seventeen members

12 present of the twenty-seven member committee. The quorum --

13 Let me say this to you and I am sure that -- Let me

14 conclude the meeting. Let me say this to you: This is

15 going to be a long day for all of us. I have been in the

16 Council for twelve years and Wilson Frost will tell you the

17 same thing, we appreciate everybody coming down here. We

18 know everybody has a position to maintain; but we have never

19 tolerated outbursts of cheering or booing or anything on any

20 issue no matter who it was.

21 When the Mayor of Chicago comes down here

22 at 2:00 o'clock, this Body that is in front of you, this

23 Body will be the first ones on their feet applauding. I

24 will suggest that we are going to have a long day and but

1 let's have some cooperation.

2 Alderman Burke.

3 There is a quorum present of seventeen
4 members of the twenty-seven member committee; therefore, the
5 meeting will continue.

6 Alderman Burke.

7 ALDERMAN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, it is indeed
8 unfortunate that when members of the Committee would walk
9 out when they don't have the votes to prevail. It is
10 fortunate that we do have a system where majority rule
11 prevails. The parliamentary procedure should be respected;
12 however, Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to move to adjourn the
13 ad hoc committee meeting sine die without report.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Sine die without
15 report, I will call the roll.

16 Roti?

17 ALDERMAN ROTI: Aye.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Kenner?

19 Evans?

20 Sawyer?

21 Humes?

22 Vrdolyak? Votes aye.

23 Huels?

24 ALDERMAN HUELS: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Madrzyk?

2 ALDERMAN MADRZYK: Aye.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Burke?

4 ALDERMAN BURKE: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Kellam?

6 ALDERMAN KELLAM: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Stemberk?

8 ALDERMAN STEMBERK: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Marzullo?

10 ALDERMAN MARZULLO: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Davis?

12 Hagopian?

13 ALDERMAN HAGOPIAN: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Gabinski?

15 ALDERMAN GABINSKI: Aye.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Mell?

17 ALDERMAN MELL: Aye.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Frost?

19 Cullerton?

20 ALDERMAN CULLERTON: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: 39th Ward, Laurino?

22 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Aye.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Pucinski?

24 ALDERMAN PUCINSKI: Aye.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Burton Natarus?

2 Oberman?

3 Schulter?

4 ALDERMAN SCHULTER: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: Volini.

6 Orr?

7 Stone?

8 ALDERMAN STONE: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN VRDOLYAK: There are seventeen
10 votes of aye to adjourn this meeting sine die without
11 report. The meeting is adjourned and I would wish that all
12 of you would stay in your seats and for those of you who are
13 here who are not familiar with parliamentary procedure, let
14 me just tell you what happened.

15 What happened is that we did according to
16 the rules with the votes what the folks who didn't have the
17 votes did not according to the rules. Thank you very much.

18 (Whereupon, which were all the
19 proceedings had in the above
20 entitled cause.)
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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2) SS:
3 COUNTY OF C O O K)

4 CATHY L. JONES, and JOAWN VALEO, being first
5 duly sworn on oath say that they are Certified Shorthand
6 Reporters of the State of Illinois;

7 That they reported stenographically the
8 proceedings had at the foregoing meeting;

9 And that the foregoing is a true and correct
10 transcript of their shorthand notes so taken as afore-
11 said, and contains all the proceedings had at said
12 meeting.

13 Cathy L. Jones
14 C.S.R.

15 _____
16 C.S.R.

17 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
18 BEFORE ME THIS 3rd DAY
19 OF May A.D., 1983.

20 Beth M. Weller
21 Notary Public.
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